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This letter has already been sent to all the missionaries and corporate members of the UCBWM. We are printing it here in order that all the UCBWM friends may learn of the situation.

June 17, 1969

Dear Friends:

This letter has been "in the writing" for the past week, but each day gave some reason to wait for fuller facts yet to come before I should write. Now the cycle seems complete from the forcible occupation (the "in" term on the part of the occupiers is the "liberation") of the offices of the UCBWM by the representatives of the National Black Economic Development Conference on Wednesday morning the 11th of June through to their abandonment of the floor last night. The abandonment was in the face of an imminent court injunction on behalf of the building, the National Council of Churches and the six church bodies (including the UCBWM) which had been occupied for various and at differing periods of time.

At any given time in the past six-day period the predominant tone of this letter would have been anger, pity, frustration, pride in the ability of our staff to "take it," and still keep a minimum of essential services running from bases outside the building; quiet determination to "hear" and to understand the motivation of those who feel so desperately the injustice of their lot that they talk of "revolution" as the one way out; and all the time the sober responsibility of taking steps to end an intolerable situation under circumstances that were complicated both practically and legally.

The very least that can be said is that the charge of "business as usual" cannot be leveled at the UCBWM these days! Rather it has been an ingenious form of "business as unusual." One peculiar aspect of the new "rules of the game" in these instances has been the practice (inherited from agencies similarly "liberated" earlier for various periods of time) of keeping two men constantly on the floor, to represent the "presence" of the tenant. Some of the ensuing conversations between some of the occupiers and our two staff members on duty during the night hours, would make most interesting reading. Suffice it to say here that there was a lot of "missionary education" done, and the blacks who were in occupation seemed very much impressed with information about the work such a Board as ours does around the world. They looked over our files, to back up the information; but so far it does not appear that the files were disturbed beyond curious reading and the reproduction of a few xerox copies. Our most confidential files had been removed earlier.

This letter is certain to raise many more questions in your minds - especially in the minds of those of you overseas who have not had access to U.S. newspapers - then can be answered at this time. We will do our best to give you more details as soon as possible. Now that we are back at our desks, we must concentrate on getting ready for the Seventh General Synod.

I think you should all know that we have lived in day-to-day uncertainty ever since the first week in May when Mr. James Forman appeared before the leaders of the National Council of Churches in their spring Board meeting and on Sunday May 4 when he made his demands in Riverside Church. We postponed our own May meeting of the Board of Directors for two weeks to escape possible interruption. The occupation came the week after the Board actually met. You can be sure I have kept in constant touch with our available officers (several are out of the country.)

We need your prayers. To know what we should say and how we should act in these difficult times is not easy, as you know very well without my telling you. Neither do I need to tell you that our work, the work of the church worldwide and the Kingdom itself remain our first concerns. One clear teaching of these days is that now it is truly "Mission on six continents."

Very sincerely yours,

Alford Carleton

Alford Carleton
Executive Vice President

P.S. Between the writing of this letter and its duplication for mailing, there has been another cycle of events. On Tuesday morning James Forman was on our floor "to pick up his things left from the previous six days." Here he was served with a restraining order of the New York Courts looking towards the issuance of an injunction. Rather than obeying that order he took over John Reuling's office and there received visitors during the day. In the late evening he left the building of his own accord, and measures have been taken to see that he should not again establish himself on this floor. (PPS If you have never been through this kind of thing you have no idea how complicated and important the various legal angles of everything can be!)

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Five New Pastors for Honduran Church

Over 600 persons jammed Central Church of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, last November to witness the graduation of five men from the Theological Institute.

For them it was the end of three years of formal training and the beginning of full-time pastoral work. However, the work of the Church is nothing new to these five. Ranging in age from 28 to 45 years, they have been active for years. Although the majority had only completed sixth grade before entering "Seminary" their maturity and enthusiasm more than made up for their lack of formal education. In addition to the usual areas of study for a Theological Institute (Bible, Church History, Theology, Christian Education, Preaching, etc.) these men also studied such things as community development, first aid, typing, nutrition, communism, personal evangelism and other subjects necessary to serve effectively in Honduras. On the weekends they pastored various local congregations. Not only did their grades rise steadily during their years of study, but all did outstanding work in the field. These men are Agustin Rios, Miguel Martinez, Domingo Careamo, David Interiano and Domingo Sauceda.

Agustin's gift for working with children was apparent as he saw Sunday school attendance rise from 35 to 175 during the 9 months he had served the Morazan congregation. He will go as a home missionary to the city of Trinidad to open pioneer work there.

Each weekend David Interiano traveled five hours by bus and another hour by mule in all sorts of weather in order to reach Nueva Esperanza, an extremely poor and backward village. There he labored with a congregation that has been reduced to four members by Pentecostal prosyletizing. He regularly visited house to house. Into a short weekend he crammed an adult Bible study group, a confirmation class, an evening evangelistic service (with the aid of a coleman lantern), and even held a children's class in the dusty streets to reach those who normally do not come to church. By the end of the year the congregation had grown to nine with another nine under instruction for baptism.

Miguel Martinez, whose special talent lies in working with teens and young adults, pastored the growing Campo Rojo congregation in the seaside city of Puerto Cortes. To him now falls the responsibility of pastoring the Yoro Charge, consisting of one county seat and five rural congregations plus 25 other established preaching points. In addition, ten other villages have sent word asking him to come and preach the Gospel to them. Up until now this congregation has always required two pastors (or a pastor and missionary), but due to a shortage of full-time workers Miguel will have to serve alone.

Domingo Sauceda, the father of eight children, labored all year long with the tiny congregation in Pueblo Nuevo. Believing that the expansion of their witness required that they leave their one room mud hut they had rented to hold services, they decided to erect their own church building. The smiling disbelief of his classmates turned to reverent admiration as the congregation gave sacrificially of money and labor and time (making cement blocks by hand, one at a time.) On the Sunday after graduation, with pine needles scattered on the mudfloor and colored crepe paper streamers dangling from the ceiling, the building was dedicated. Domingo's experience will stand him in good stead as he goes to pastor the congregation in Choloma which is in the process of putting up a new church.

Domingo Careamo, the youngest member of the class, who is nicknamed "Minguito" to distinguish him from his older classmate of the same name, served Potrerillos congregation so well that they voted to call him as their pastor, break off from the three-church circuit of which they were a part, and not only go on by themselves, but assume responsibility for evangelizing the surrounding mountain villages.

Heifers for Dominican Republic — On June 17 eleven bred dairy heifers were shipped to the Dominican Republic by Heifer Project, Inc., sponsored by churches of the Illinois South Conference. Two men from the committee accompanied the shipment as attendants. They were Mr. Amos Meyer, Okawville, Illinois, and Mr. Duane Douglas, Ohlman, Illinois. In addition, the Rev. Gustav Kuether, missionary to Honduras, now on furlough (field coordinator for the UCBWM in Honduras and president of the Association of Evangelical Institutions) went along as an observer. These animals will be used in the program of a Dairy Training Center, sponsored by H.P.I. in cooperation with the Dominican Ministry of Agriculture and US/AID.

Training sessions of two weeks are provided to campesinos (small and needy farmers) and 4-D Club members, at no expense to them. They are given an animal with the agreement that they will return the first female offspring to H.P.I. The record shows that most recipients have benefitted significantly and have lived up to their commitment.

After delivering the animals, all the attendants reviewed the Church World Service program in the Dominican Republic, and then visited and reviewed H.P.I. and CWS work in Haiti. It is interesting to note that the Dominican Republic and Haiti occupy the Island of Hispanol, which only has about 1/7th as many square miles as the state of Missouri - but it has twice as large a population. Serious poverty and an exploding population challenge Christian concern in both of these countries.

A previous shipment through New England H.P.I. Committee was made April 22, 1969.

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# NEAR EAST

Change, Change - "Change, change - in all around I see...." These words from and old hymn come to mind often these days. In Syria, Aleppo College will continue the work of over a hundred years but under new forms. No foreign teachers are in Syria and the Board has voted to transfer its share of the property to the National Evangelical Synod and the Armenian Evangelical Union and these two local church bodies have accepted full responsibility for the management of the college after the end of this school year. The two United States denominations will continue support for a period of three years on a diminishing and on a matching-fund basis. It is good to know that the local churches feel that the work of the college remains so significant that they are ready to exert strenuous effort to continue the college even though the situation in Syria is changing. We have sent word to the Arab Evangelical Synod and the Armenian Evangelical Union of our appreciation that the work of Aleppo College can continue even during the changing situation in Syria; of our concern for the interests of colleagues on the staff in Aleppo and our hope that the fellow of former years may not be diminished; of our hope that in the planning of new management of the college care will be given to involving experienced educators.

Lebanon - Near East School of Theology — A worthwhile consultation was held in Beirut on April 17 and 18 with representatives from the NEST Board of Manager, the faculty, the supporting bodies, and also representatives of contributing agencies: Theological Education Fund, the Episco-

pal Church in the U.S.A., and the German churches. Representing the UCBWM were Dr. Alford Carleton, Dr. Robert Moss, Rev. Melvin Wittler, and Miss Margaret Blemker. The faculty had prepared a 42-page document giving background on the school as well as on the building needs. This will serve as the basis for continuing discussion and planning. There will be concerted study on what the role of the NEST should be as it meets the needs of the churches in the Near East but also assumes an international and ecumenical role in this particular location. There is need to clarify the tension between the ecumenical image which it projects and its Protestant base. In this center of Orthodox churches the NEST still has to define what it means to be committed to ecumenical cooperation.

The building plans have been curtailed but all effort is being made now to complete the building with the basement in rough finish and with usable space above ground for two academic floors, the dining room floor, and two dormitory floors for 50 students. One step forward seemed to be the recognition by the local group of their need to support this school as well as to manage it. They are now seeking to raise 100,000 L.L., about $31,000. Other agencies have been asked to match this.

Iraq The Iraq Fellowship is now scattered during vacation days, but it looks as if all planning must be for new assignments, rather than for return to Iraq. The Government has taken over both schools in Baghdad and Basrah and has indicated that foreign teachers will not be required in the next school year. Miss Mary Ingle, the UCBWM representative, is now in Beirut and we are expecting her to continue her valuable service at the Uskudar school in Istanbul, Turkey.

Since June of 1967, when the Israeli Army occupied large sections of Egyptian, Jordanian, and Syrian territory, Iraq's relations with the United States have been severly strained. Neither country has had diplomatic representation with the other except indirectly. Rightly or wrongly, the United States has been held responsible for giving massive moral support, within and without the United Nations, to the Israeli cause and to Israeli acts in the 1967 war, and thus is considered to be a real enemy of the Iraqi state.

Popular feeling in Iraq has continued to be friendly. The teachers are reluctant to leave students and parents and other friends of the school. Enrollment in the two schools had continued to grow and there was a feeling of loyal support from the community in general.

Missionaries were expelled from Iraq in 1959, and these have been uncertain years since then. We are grateful that in uncertain times missionary work did continue for these intervening 10 years.

Turkey Mr. Charles Blakney, the UCBWM Secretary for Planning, was in the Near East for three weeks this spring and in a variety of discussion sessions helped all to focus on main points which may have too long remained in the discussion stage. Details now need to be finalized in the expectation that some long-range planning for the future will be the best observance in 1970 of the sesquicentennial of Board work in the Near East.

One evidence of the many opportunities we have was in the Education Seminar held at the Uskudar school for two days in mid-April for teachers from our three schools and from other schools in Istanbul. Most impressive were the discussions by panels of teachers, students, and parents. There was much agreement on what is expected in education today in Turkey. The students pled for a change of curriculum which would allow them to concentrate on subject matter rather than on grades and they wanted courses which would teach them to think and to make decisions in after-school years. The parents indicated how much they are counting on the teachers to help the students face these changing days.

A Continuous Challenge

Nursing at Vellore is a continuous challenge. The Christian Medical College Hospital with a capacity of more than 1,000 beds representing all the major clinical specialties including phychiatry requires commensurate nursing services of the highest order. Through the years, a dynamic program of nursing education at Vellore has striven to keep pace with the rapid growth of the institution.

The College of Nursing is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. It has not only served the needs of christian medical institutions but has consistently supported and contributed to the growth of the nursing profession in India. As an integral part of the Christian Medical College and Hospital, it reflects the philosophy of the Institution as implied in the stated object of the Christian Medical College Vellore Association:

> "The establishment, maintenance and development of Christian Medical College and Hospital in India where women and men shall receive an education of the highest grade in the art and science of medicine and nursing or in one or other of the related professions to equip them in the spirit of Christ, for service in the relief of suffering and in the promotion of health."

When Dr. Ida Scudder began her medical work at Vellore in 1900 she had to train her own nurses. In 1909 an American nurse arrived and established the Nurses' Training School which has continued to grow and develop to meet the ever increasing demands for more and better qualified nurses. In 1931 it was raised to the rank of a higher grade school. The movement toward Independence and the gradual trend toward Indianization made imperative the preparation of Indian Nursing leaders. A post-certificate course in teaching and supervision was started in 1942, and followed in 1946 by the inauguration of a four year university program in nursing leading to a B.Sc. degree.

As the demand for higher education in nursing grew the need for providing opportunity for graduate study in nursing in India became apparent. In 1967, the College of Nursing added a post-certificate program leading to a B.Sc. degree in nursing. Its most recent development in October 1968 was the initiation of a two-year graduate program in nursing conferring an M.Sc. degree from the University of Madras. It offers specialization in four major clinical areas : medical/surgical, obstetrics, pediatrics and community health nursing.

More than 500 alumnae of the College of Nursing are known to be in active practice or study in India. Another 100 or more are working or studying aboard in Japan, Malaysia, Ceylon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, East Africa, West Germany, United Kingdom, Canada and the U.S.A.

Our future task at Vellore is to continue to build on the fine tradition and heritage which has been passed on to us and go on to meet the present challenges by the rapid modernization of India. Our immediate is the development of the recently initiated Master's program in nursing and continue to improve the basic programs.

My primary appointment at Vellore as Professor in the Nursing Education and Community Health Nursing is teaching and assisting in the developing of the Master program in nursing. It is an important responsibility for which we feel inadequate and do continually seek God's guidance. Pleas for the help of foreign nurses to assist in our educational programs have been largely unproductive. Although Vellore has relatively more and better qualified staff than any other institution in India, yet because of the many programs in operation, the faculty are hard pressed to meet the multiple demands for their time.

Excerpts from a letter from
Dr. Pauline E.King,
College of Nursing, Vellore

While It Is Day

Having just returned from six weeks in India one is frequently asked about the Indian Government's policy regarding missionaries and other forms of Christian aid. There are many questions that anyone with a passion for Christ and for India would want to ask which are of far greater moment, in my view, than this concern over the part that foreign Christians may be allowed to play in the future. Yet, from the point of view of the missionary-minded Christians of the West, this issue affects their understanding of their own responsibility and it is unrealistic to pretend that it is of secondary importance in their eyes.

At present the granting or refusal of visas is quite haphazard and many Indian Christian leaders believe that stringency may be relaxed again rather than intensified. It would be premature to regard the exclusion of all foreign missionaries as a foregone conclusion. At the same time it is clear that the climate in the Indian parliament has changed. Of the applications for missionary visas made through the National Christian Council 81 per cent were successful in 1966, but only 56 per cent in 1968. We ought to expect further reduction of foreign workers and possibly governmental supervision of all charitable trusts and grants to the churches in an attempt to squeeze, or even cut, the western pipeline.

I am convinced that the present moment in India calls for an important and possibly costly decision on the part of western mission boards. The use we make of such resources as God entrusts to our hands must be determined solely by the immediate requirements of the Gospel in India and not at all by our solicitude for the continuance of our own organizations or their support. Ought that to be so self-evident that it is insulting to put into words? Yet we have argued in the past that the giving of money which is not closely linked with persons who can be seen on regular deputation visits will wither away after a few years. I believe that risk must be taken in faith and obedience.

There are a number of frontier opportunities within the grasp of the Indian Church today, and well-qualified lay Christians willing to take them up, if only a reasonable salary can be offered. If the Indian Church must wait until it can afford to pay them the opportunity will be lost. Here is a chance for responsible partnership "while it is day".

-- Excerpts from an article by John V. Taylor in CMS newsletter

Guidebook for the Star Stewardship Plan

The Stewardship Department of the United Church of Northern India has just published a Guidebook for the Star Stewardship Plan. Author is Theodore Essebaggers who in 1966, seconded by the UCBWM to the United Church of Northern India, became Secretary for Stewardship of its General Assembly.

In his preface, Mr. Essebaggers notes that the 1961 Stewardship Conference of the National Christian Council of India (of which he was then Secretary for Stewardship and Literature) had chosen the star as a symbol of its five-faceted program: study, the Bible, become informed, organize, use teaching aids, give generously. It was felt that the star would bring to mind "God's great gift to men and the costly offerings of the wise men who followed the star to Bethlehem and worshipped the Christ Child there."

With a thoroughly practical approach, the Guidebook is addressed to local churches and is well illustrated with charts and sketches.

Mr. Essebaggers had previously given creative leadership in stewardship as a missionary in India (25 years) and in Honduras (2 years). Mr. and Mrs. Essebaggers are at this writing spending three months in Indonesia, helping to educate congregations of the Minahasa Church in stewardship. They are en route to the States on furlough.

Church Community Consultation

A greater Manila Consultation on Church and Community Involvement was held this past spring.

The consultation focused on how cler-

gy and laity can act cooperatively in dealing with the moral and spiritual issues which must be faced in working towards social-economic development.

Five areas of involvement to be taken up were poverty and population, unemployment, relief and rehabilitation, assistance to the handicapped, and education. Various experts served as resource persons.

Participants included selected clergy and laymen of member churches of the National Council of Churches in the Greater Manila area, and observers and representatives from civic, religious and educational service agencies.

The consultation was sponsored by the Manila Community Services, Inc., urban-industrial mission committee of the NCCP, Inter-Seminary Urban-Industrial Mission, committee on industrial life and vocations of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, and the urban-industrial mission committee of the East Asia Christian Conference.

Conference chairman was the Rev. Ciriaco Ma. Lagunzad, Jr. former UCBWM scholarship student, and now acting director of the Inter-Seminary Urban-Industrial Institute, and Lilia Oblepias, MSCI project director. Co-ordinator is the Rev. Henry Aguilan, Chairman of the NCCP urban-industrial committee.

**Missionaries Report on Indonesian Settlers in Southern Philippines**

Among the 6,000 Indonesians living in the Balut and Sarangani Islands in Davao del Sur and southern Cotabato are nine Protestant congregations with a total membership of more than 3,500, one congregation of which is Filipino.

Mission work in the islands is directly related to the Southern Mindanao District Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. The mission program includes a cooperative for agriculture and fishing, church leadership. The only means of travel around the area is by water; one real need to be supplied by the Indonesian Church is a large boat.

Future plans include a medical clinic to offer more regular medical care to the people who presently must travel long distances to reach a doctor. Both the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and the East Asia Christian Conference expect to assist in this project.

**Mission Handbook off the Press**

"Mission Industry" is a handbook published by the East Asia Christian Conference committee on urban-industrial mission for workers in its projects. It is to help pastors and laymen who similarly feel the need for industrial areas, and to guide church leaders and planners who similarly feel the need for industrial mission projects.

The handbook reflects the experience and thinking of an ongoing industrial mission in Asia. It was completed at a 6-day writing workshop held in Hong Kong last September.

**Okinawa-Japan Churches Become One**

Described as "the first step in healing a long-gaping wound," the two United Churches of Okinawa and Japan moved phrophetically into one United Church of Christ in Japan in services held February 25 at Ginza Church.

The move united Christians in the two countries, which have been apart since Okinawa was turned over to the United States for temporary use for military bases at the end of World War II, a situation that has continued for more than twenty years.

Moderator Sadao Matsuda, Okinawa, traced the growth of Christian work in Okinawa after the almost total destruction of churches and church life in the war. He said that Okinawa Christians believe the merger is "in the Providence of God" and are determined to work together with other Japanese for reconciliation.

The main island Japanese church sees the merger as established on the basis of the Confession of War Responsibility issued in 1967 and as a commitment to taking on the burdens of the Okinawan church and the Okinawan people. The Okinawa United Church with 24 churches and preachi points, 26 pastors and 1,178 members, becomes the Okinawa district of the new United Church.

Death of the Rev. Dr. Gebhardt

The Rev. Dr. Gerard H. Gebhardt, one-time regional secretary for the Far East of the Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, died in Indianapolis on April 17, 1969, at the age of 75. Dr. Gebhardt was born in Indianapolis and settled there following his retirement in 1962.

A graduate of Heidelberg College (B.A.), Central Theological Seminary (B.D.), and Temple University Graduate School of Theology (S.T.M.), he held pastorates in Carrollton Avenue Church, Indianapolis; Trinity Church, Wadsworth, Ohio; First Church, Philadelphia; St. Peter's, Louisville, and St. John's, Waldo, Ohio. For several years following the death of his only son in World War II, he was fund-raiser for the Fort Wayne Children's Home.

Funeral services were held in the Carrollton Avenue Church, Indianapolis on April 27, with the pastor, the Rev. Frank J. Erdey, officiating.

Dr. Gebhardt's wife, the former Elda Marstellar, died in 1962. He is survived by three sisters and two brothers.

Dr. Lauby Honored

On April 20, 1969 at its 56th commencement exercises Silliman University, Dumaguete City, Philippines, awarded Dr. Paul T. Lauby an honorary L.H.D. degree. Dr. Lauby, who delivered the commencement address, was the vice president for academic affairs and professor of religion. In recommending him for the degree to the Board of Trustees, President Cicero D. Calderon said: "Dr. Lauby's far-ranging scholarship, deep sense of humanity and personal dedication to a given task have won for him the respect and confidence of students and teachers at Silliman. We are truly fortunate to have an American fraternal worker like Dr. Lauby at Silliman."

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# A F R I C A

National Leadership Training

The National Leadership Training program is one of the most important activities in which the UCBWM is engaged. It holds the "Number One" priority in the Africa budget. Students from Rhodesia, Ghana, South Africa, Angola and Togo are now engaged in study on a university level in the United States, Germany, Switzerland as well as within Africa.

Among these students are Mr. Vincent Anku, who completed four years of pre-medical study at Grinnell College, Iowa, then continued in Cornell Medical School, New York. During this time he did research on sickle cell anemia, a disease common to his country, Ghana. He also spent several months studying tropical medicine in Brazil. He is now entering his interneship in Ohio. He plans to return to Ghana to practice.

Mr. Piko Hlahla of Rhodesia is in his last year of medical school in Germany. His goal is to return to work in the mission hospital in Rhodesia.

Mrs. Winnie (Ngcobo) Emoungu, who comes from South Africa, did her university work there and entered the master's program in Clinical Psychology at the University of Chicago. Upon completion of that course this summer, she will continue in the doctoral program and will do the Clinical Interneship at the University of Illinois.

These are but a few outstanding examples; a total of 17 students are under direct support by the UCBWM with the help of a number of individuals and churches. All students are selected by their local churches and Scholarship Committees and in turn are recommended for scholarhip assistance to the UCBWM.

# C H R O N I C L E

## ARRIVALS FROM THE FIELD
1969

## AFRICA

ANGOLA

The Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Henderson of Nova Lisboa and thier two sons, on June 23 in New York City. Members of the Angola Mission since 1947, the Hendersons have more recently been in the leadership training program in Central Angola, working closely with the student hostel in Nova Lisboa, with Muriel Henderson in charge of the scholarship program of the Angola Church Council. In Lobito, Bunjei, and Dondi Mr. Henderson's responsibilities included teaching, preaching, direction of the Mission, presidency of the Church Council, and since 1961 the general secretaryship of the Angola Evangelical Alliance, representing all Protestant missions in Angola. We welcome Mr. Henderson to the UCBWM staff as the newly elected associate regional secretary for Africa.

GHANA

Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Alling, Jr., of Accra, on June 12, for a three-month furlough with their three daughters. Mr. Alling is executive secretary for the Church Hospital Association of Ghana (CHAG), a cooperative venture of Protestant and Catholic medical institutions in Ghana; Barbara Alling serves as secretary for CHAG.

Dr. and Mrs. (R.N.) Richard W. Biek of Worawora and their two children, on July 12, for terminal furlough after eleven years of service in Ghana. Before departure, Dr. Biek, as medical superintendent of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Hospital in Worawora, and Joan Biek, as senior nursing tutor, helped tremendously in the transition of this 135-bed hospital from church to government administration.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Carter of Hohoe and their two children, on July 31, for terminal leave. Members of the staff of the Evangelical Presbyterian Secondary School, Mr. Carter served as a chaplain and teacher of science, Winifred Carter as the school librarian.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Diehl of Ho, on April 20, for terminal leave with their five children. In Ho since 1962, the Diehls have been associated with the Mawuli Secondary School, Mr. Diehl as a teacher of math and dorm housefather. More recently he also served as mission treasurer and field secretary. Johanna Diehl did a great deal of entertaining, gave secretarial assistance at the school, and helped with projects at the Ho leprosarium.

The Rev. and Mrs. (Rev.) Samuel T. Kaetzel of Accra, houseparents for missionary children attending the Ghana International School in Accra, on June 29, for furlough with their younger daughter Marcia.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith L. Russell of Yendi, on April 30, for a four-month furlough with their three sons. The Russells are in agricultural extension work, and following furlough will be located in Bimbilla.

RHODESIA

Mrs. Challes B. Beckley, R.N., of Chikore, in late May, due to a family emergency, after four months of nursing services at the Sister Buck Memorial Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Franklin Donaldson of Chikore, on July 25, for furlough with their four children. Dr. Donaldson is physician-in-charge at the Sister Buck Memorial Hospital in Chikore and of its out-clinic services; Mary Ann Donaldson directs the multiracial Big Tree Primary School.

ARRIVALS FROM THE FIELD (Cont'd)

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Grant of Salisbury, for furlough on June 25. Mr. Grant is field secretary of the Rhodesia Mission and chairman of Christian Care. Their joint responsibilities include administration, coordination of mission work interpreting local situations and directing relief to restrictees and their families.

Miss Julia Sigrist, R.N., of Pierce Memorial Hospital, Mt. Silinda, on March 22, at her home in Aargau, for furlough and study leave in Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. (M.D.) Gordon W. Worden of Mt. Silinda, on May 11, for furlough with two of their four children. Mr. Worden is treasurer of the Rhodesia Mission Council; Dr. Almarose Worden is the second doctor on the staff of the Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital.

SOUTH AFRICA

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Bergfalk of Johannesburg and their three daughters, on May 5, for terminal leave after eleven years of service. As participants in the ecumenical leadership training program within the Central Regional Council of the new United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, the Bergfalks gave special emphasis to Christian education, Mr. Bergfalk as secretary for the Transvaal and Orange Free State. They are currently missionaries-in-residence at the Missionary Orientation Center at Stony Point, New York.

TOGO

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles T. Hein of Lomé, engaged in literacy work and the production of Christian literature, in mid-June, for a three-month furlough in France with three of their four children.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Winter of Konyowu, engaged in a rural community development program, on April 8, for a six-month furlough with their three daughters.

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CEYLON

Mr. and Mrs. Edson C. Lockwood of Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai, on June 11, for furlough with a view to retirement. The Lockwoods began their educational ministry in 1927 and 1928 respectively at The American College in Madurai City, South India, but since 1936 they have been members of the Jaffna College staff. Teacher of advanced mathematics and lecturer, Mr. Lockwood has also served as deputy president, as acting manager of the American Ceylon Mission Press, and has carried the responsibilities of a senior missionary. Dorothy (Pat) Lockwood, a regular contributor to the bilingual weekly Morning Star, served as president of the Board of Managers of the William Mather Memorial Women's Centre in Chunnakam, as chairman-treasurer of its textile department, and superintendent has devoted much time to the Sunday School of the local church and its teaching staff.

FRANCE

The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Ziffer, co-directors of L'Accueil Fraternel at Le Chambon since 1964, on July 12, for a very brief furlough with their four children. In September they will begin a fraternal ministry in Montpellier, France, with the churches and the theological faculty of Montpellier.

HONG KONG

Dr. and Mrs. Walden B. Whitehill of the Haven of Hope T.B. Sanatorium, Kowloon City, on June 1, for a three-month furlough with their two children.

INDIA

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Dettman of Madras, on May 28 (in Ohio), for terminal leave with four of their six children. In South India since 1952, the Dettmans served first at The American College in Madurai City, then on the staff of the Kodaikanal School for Missionary Children (High Clerc), Mr. Dettman as bursar, Jean Dettman as a teacher of French, and since 1967 in Madras, encouraging the churches and Christian

institutions of the Madras Diocese of the Church of South India in organized efforts on behalf of the city's thousands of slum dwellers.

The Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Essebaggers of Nagpur, in stewardship education and promotion throughout the twenty-two councils of the United Church of Northern India since 1966, on July 5, for furlough. En route to the States the Essebaggers spent two months in Tomohon, Indonesia, training a group of ministers, theological students and laymen of the Christian Evangelical Church of Minahasa in the techniques of Christian stewardship.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Heineman of Madurai City, on June 18, for furlough with two of their four children. The Heinemans are engaged in a village and technical ministry, with help from AFPRO, including well-drilling, irrigation projects, sanitatio and small industries.

Miss Ruby A. Merkle (R.N., S. C.M., S.R.N.), nursing superintendent of the Evangel ical Mission Hospital of Tilda and superintendent of its School of Nursing, on May 9, for a six-month furlough.

JAPAN

Dr. and Mrs. Robert O. Blood, Jr., of Mitaka, Tokyo, and their two younger sons, about June 17, on the completion of a special two-year term at International Christian University, Dr. Blood as professor of sociology. Both served for a year as houseparent at the Interboard Hostel for missionary children in Mitaka.

The Rev. and Mrs. Anthony A. Carter of Tokyo, on June 16, for furlough with their two children. The Carters are engaged in Christian education and in encouraging leader in the Tokyo Conference to develop urban and industrial mission work.

Miss Margaret Garner of Miyagi College, Sendai, a teacher of English and super- visor of the language laboratory, on July 12, for a three-month furlough. She will be in post-graduate study at the University of Arkansas.

The Rev. Dr.and Mrs. Allen L. Irwin of Miyagi College, Sendai, in early June, for a three-month furlough. Dr. Irwin's teaching is in the field of English and religi Marie Irwin teaches commercial subjects.

Miss Yasuko Kusunoki, a teacher of English at the Shinonome Girls' School, Matsuya on July 26, for an eight-month furlough.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. William Mensendiek of Sendai, on July 11 (Honolulu), for furlough with their three children. Dr. Mensendiek is professor in the Christian studi department of North Japan University; Barbara Mensendiek helps in the kindergarten teacher training department of Miyagi College.

Miss Grace M. Robertson of the kindergarten training department of Hokuriku Gakuin Kanazawa, on May 31, for a three-month furlough. She is attending a religious educatio workshop for weekday kindergarten and nursery school children at Scarritt College in Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Schurr of Kobe, in counseling service for missionaries and foreign residents in the Kobe-Osaka area, about July 18, for furlough with their three children.

Mr. Carl F. Schweitzer of the department of English at North Japan University, Sendai, on July 4, for a three-month furlough.

Mr. David W. Wright of Sendai, a short-term teacher of English in the junior high and college sections of North Japan University, in early July.

MICRONESIA

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Chilton of the Mizpah High School on Moen, Truk, in the Eastern Carolines, about June 21. Tom Chilton taught vocational agriculture and mechanics at Mizpah.

THE PHILIPPINES

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Harold H. Eymann of Nidsayap, on April 7, for a three-month furlough. The Eymanns, with Dr. Eymann as manager-controller of the Mindanao Christian Service Foundation, have been dealing with the basic economic issues of better nutrition, sanitation and population control. On their return to the field they will carry on these projects from Cagayan de Oro City.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. (R.N.) Merle R. Jordan of Dumaguete City and their three children, on April 26 and May 16 respectively, on the completion of a short term at the Divinity School of Silliman University, where Dr. Jordan was associate professor of pastoral counseling. Elizabeth Jordan assisted in the research laboratory of the University Medical Center.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Paul T. Lauby of Silliman University, Dumaguete City since 1953, on May 27, for terminal leave with two of their three children. Vice president for academic affairs at Silliman and professor of religion since 1966, Dr. Lauby earlier served as dean of the Divinity School and as university pastor. Edna Lauby was director of the university kindergarten, the nursery school, and instructor in pre-school education. In September Dr. Lauby will join the staff of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA) with offices at the Interchurch Center in New York City. (See also page 9.)

Miss E. Frances Thompson of Marawi City, teacher of Bible and philosophy and chairman of the Religious Affairs Committee at Dansalan College, for furlough about June 26.

TURKEY

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Edmonds of Istanbul, on June 6, for a three-month furlough with their four children. Mr. Edmonds is director of the Redhouse Press (publications); Anna Edmonds is editor of the Mission newsletter.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNair of Tarsus, teachers of math and music respectively at Tarsus American College, on July 13 with their three children, on the completion of a regular term.

Mrs. Viola C. Richardson of Gaziantep, in associated service for two years as a teacher of missionary children, on June 14. She served in this capacity from 1964 to 1966 also.

Miss Fernie M. Scovel of Izmir, a teacher of math and head of the science department at the American Collegiate Institute, on June 7, for a three-month furlough.

Mrs. Julia C. Tigner of Izmir, a teacher of English and dean of the preparatory department at the American Collegiate Institute, on May 17, for an eight-month furlough. She will return to Turkey in early 1970 as a regular term appointee.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Tucker of Tarsus and their three children, in mid-July, on the completion of a regular term. Dean of the junior high section at Tarsus American College, Mr. Tucker also taught English and philosophy; Margaret Tucker taught music.

## DEPARTURES FOR THE FIELD
1969

ANGOLA

The Rev. Miss Joyce B. Myers, on May 23, returning from furlough to Dondi to teach at the Seminario Emanuel and to supervise the new vocational course in Christian education at both the Means School for Girls and Currie Institute. During her first term she served as director of the Bailundo mission station.

INDIA

The Rev. and Mrs. Gifford H. Towle, on June 2, returning from furlough to Vadala to continue in the rural development program, especially in the water resource and farm mechanization projects in the area, with assistance from AFPRO and CASA of the National Christian Council of India.

THE PHILIPPINES

The Rev. and Mrs. Armin L. Schmidt and their four children, on July 17, returning from furlough to Cagayan de Oro City to continue their ministry through the Rural Life Program of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Armin Schmidt spent the year in post graduate studies at Cornell University.

RHODESIA

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert B. Perry, Jr., on June 28, returning to Salisbury with their two younger children to continue their service in the church renewal program of the Rhodesia Mission.

Miss Eleanor A. Hines of Clyde, New York, on July 6, to contribute her services for a year as a teacher at the Big Tree Primary School in Chikore.

SOUTH AFRICA

The Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Gilley and their three children, on June 13, returning from furlough to Durban where Mr. Gilley will serve as secretary of the Christian Education Committee of the Natal Regional Council. During furlough he secured an M.A. in Education from Boston University's School of Education.

The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Taylor of Hartford, Connecticut, in late June, with their five children, for a year's service in Christian education in Johannesburg under the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa.

## DEPARTURES OF NEW APPOINTEES
1969

GENEVA

The Rev. and Mrs. Leonard G. Clough of Fort Lee, New Jersey, and their youngest daughter Deborah, on July 10, for a short term of four years, seconded to the World Student Christian Federation for service in Geneva and in the United States.

GHANA

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Howe of Denver, Colorado, on June 17, for a regular term of three years, to serve as houseparents for missionary children attending the Ghana International School in Accra. The Howes served under the Board in Mexico also from 1957 to 1963.

JAPAN

The Rev. and Mrs. C. Richard Van Voorhis of Webster Groves, Missouri, and their two children, on July 9, assigned to the United Church of Christ in Japan for short term service in the Asia Office of the World Student Christian Federation in Tokyo.

## DEPARTURES (Cont'd)

MICRONESIA

Mr. Lawrence D. Calhoun of Everett, Pennsylvania, on June 27, for short term service as a teacher of biology at the Mizpah High School on Moen, Truk, in the Eastern Caroline Islands.

RHODESIA

Dr. and Mrs. (R.N.) George F.M. Jones of Fort Defiance, Arizona (and Canfield, Ohio), on July 7, for short term service at the Sister Buck Memorial Hospital in Chikore. In a sense Dr. Jones "returns" to the Rhodesia Mission where, in the summer of 1965, he contributed his services.

## BIRTHS

To the Rev. and Mrs. Gustav H. Kuether of Honduras, now on furlough, a daughter, Lori Sue, on April 10, 1969 in East Lansing, Michigan.

To Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Lockwood of Madras Christian College, a daughter, Maria Helena, on May 12, 1969 at the Van Allen Hospital in Kodaikanal, South India.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. Cummings of Vellore, South India, a son, Eric Williams, on June 17, 1969 at the Christian Medical Hospital at Vellore.

## MARRIAGES

On March 28, 1969 at the Lutheran Church at Ljan, Oslo, Norway, Marit-Helene Walby of Oslo and Theodore Curtis Essebaggers of New York City, son of the Rev. Theodore and the late Helen Shafer Essebaggers of India. The groom's father, there for the occasion from Nagpur with Mrs. Doris Essebaggers, participated in the service; his sister Helen, en route from service in Tanzania under the Peace Corps, was also present. Ted and "Maja" returned to New York City where Ted has been in post graduate study at Teachers College, Columbia.

On June 21, 1969 in the Chapel of Trinity College in Accra, Ghana, Nelda Mae Rhodes of La Junta, Colorado, nurse-lecturer at the University of Ghana in Legon under the Mennonite Board, and Robert B. Thelin of Hoven, South Dakota, in agricultural extension work in Chereponi in northern Ghana. The officiating minister was the Reverend E.Y. Forson, the Synod Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana. The special guest from the United States who represented both families was the the bride's mother, Mrs. Rhodes. Son of Guy and Betty Thelin of Foochow and the Philippines, retired, and brother of Dr. Mark Thelin of Tunghai University in Taiwan, Robert is the fourth member of the Thelin family to serve under the UCBWM.

On June 28, 1969 at the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir, Turkey, Marianne Glass, daughter of Mrs. Faye J. Glass of Crete, Nebraska, and of the ACI staff, and James L. Fitzgibbon of Tarsus American College, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne J. Fitzgibbon of Chadron, Nebraska. The Rev. Everett C. Blake of the American Collegiate Institute, and the Rev. Mrs. Ann Schoup of Istanbul, Mission pastor, officiated. During the next academic year both Marianne and Jim will be teaching in Izmir.

## DEATHS

Mrs. Nettie Bradley Guise of Claremont, California, widow of L. Curtis Guise and in educational service with him in the Madura Mission in South India for twenty years (1911-14, 1916-33), died at the McCabe Rest Home in Claremont on April 19, 1969 after a short illness. She was 83.

## DEATHS

Born in Holton, Kansas, she received her education at Campbell College and at the School of Music of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She married Curtis Guise, also of Kansas, on September 21, 1910 in Holton, he secured his master's at the University of Michigan in 1911, and following some months of study in England en route to India, they joined the Madura Mission. Their first child, a daughter born in India, died in infancy. Mr. Guise died of a heart attack in Claremont in 1954. Their son Gordon of Blacklick, Ohio, and two grandchildren, survive.

Early in their service health interrupted their work, but Mr. and Mrs. Guise returned to India in 1916 and served continuously at The American College in Madurai City, except for one year in Pasumalai. Mr. Guise taught history, political science and religion. The reorganization of the college library was Nettie Guise's special project and she was very successful in it. With her artistic and practical abilities, she also contributed much to the general life of the college community and to the Mission as a whole.

She was a woman of great courage and deep loyalties, to people as well as to principles, and reached out in a spirit of generosity and helpfulness to those around her in India and at home. She was a member and past matron of the Star of the West Chapter of O.E.S. Many of its members and other friends attended the service of remembrance on April 22nd at the Todd Memorial Chapel in Claremont. The profusion of floral tributes gave some indication of the place she held in the hearts of the community. The Rev. Leslie Strathern of the Claremont United Church of Christ, Congregational, officiated at the service, which was followed by the ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The following brief notice about the death of Miss Tordis Petersen came in the Japan Interboard Bulletin for May 1969:

> Miss Tordis Margrethe Petersen, a missionary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Japan for five years, from September 1953 to September 1958, in occupational evangelistic work in the Kansai area, died on May 7, 1969 in New Jersey at the age of 54. After terminating her missionary service Miss Petersen worked for some years as secretary at the IBM offices in Tokyo.
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> Mrs. N. O. Hoglund, her sister, lives at 2966 Hartshorn Drive, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078.

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Miss Petersen was born on January 28, 1915 in Flekkefjord, Norway, but at the time of her appointment her home was in Princeton, New Jersey. She received her B.A. from Brooklyn College in 1938, her Mus. B. degree from Westminster Choir College in Princeton in 1953. She secured her secretarial training at the Ballard School in New York.

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